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In re Application of:

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HIGH PRECISION VARIABLE RATE
MATERIAL REMOVAL AND
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 2, 2002, kindly consider the new

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Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith and the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 35-38 and 55-66 remain in the application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. A request for one month extension of time is enclosed.

Claims 35-38 and 55-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by *Neev, et al.* (5,720,894). Applicant respectfully traverses.

The *Neev, et al.* '894 patent is directed to a method and apparatus for damage-free biological tissue removal by using an ultra-short pulse duration laser that is operating at a